

DPH COVID-19 Municipal/ Local Health Department Webinar

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

5:00 – 6:00 PM



Agenda & Message

- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ Department of Public Health Deputy Commissioner Heather Aaron
 - ▶ Variants, Vaccine Update, Health Equity
- ▶ COVID-19 Case Rate Trends
- ▶ Mitigation
- ▶ Q&A Session



VACCINE

Benjamin Bechtolsheim
Director, Vaccination Program
Connecticut Department of Public Health



Vaccine

Key highlights:

- ▶ >75% of 75+ vaccinated
- ▶ >50% of 65-74 vaccinated
- ▶ 1 Million doses administered

Key updates

- ▶ 55+ launch – new appointments added on a rolling basis
- ▶ J&J vaccine launched this past week
- ▶ March – education and childcare clinics throughout the month – patience needed, as always

STATE OF CONNECTICUT: WEEKLY COVID-19 TRENDS REPORT

Presenters:

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State Epidemiologist & Director of Infectious Diseases
Connecticut Department of Public Health

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Lynn Sosa, MD
Deputy State Epidemiologist, TB/STD Control Programs Medical Director
Connecticut Department of Public Health

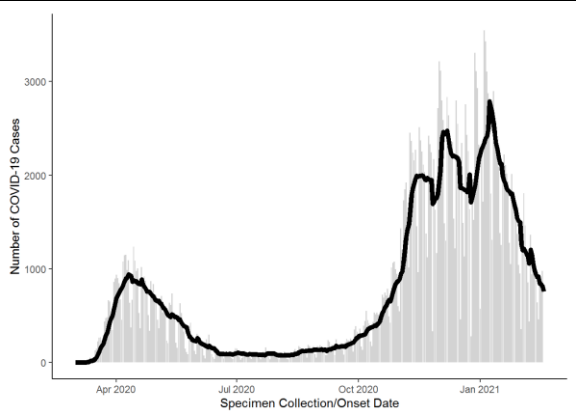


*Data for this week are incomplete

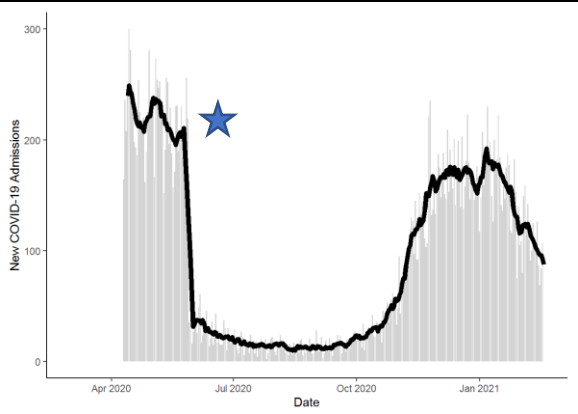
Big Picture: Statewide Snapshot

March 1, 2020 – February 27, 2021

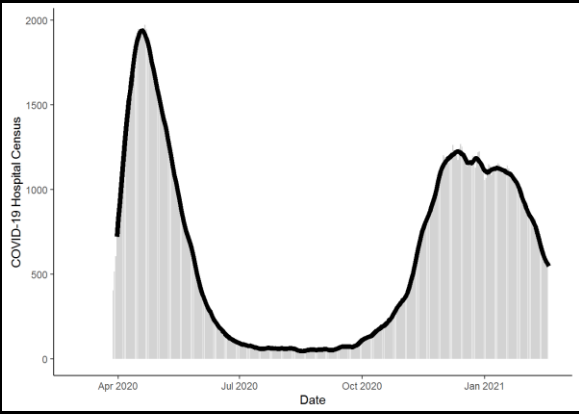
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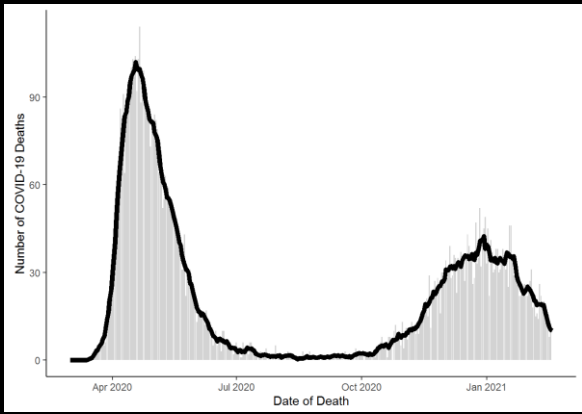
New Admissions



Hospital Census



Deaths



Total Cases

279,159

Total Hospitalizations

29,165

Hospital Census (2/24)

485

Total Deaths

7,614

2/21 - 2/27*	1,732
2/14 - 2/20	5,149
2/7 - 2/13	6,398

2/21 - 2/27*	325
2/14 - 2/20	645
2/7 - 2/13	765

2/21 - 2/27*	498
2/14 - 2/20	565
2/7 - 2/13	726

2/21 - 2/27*	24
2/14 - 2/20	73
2/7 - 2/13	134

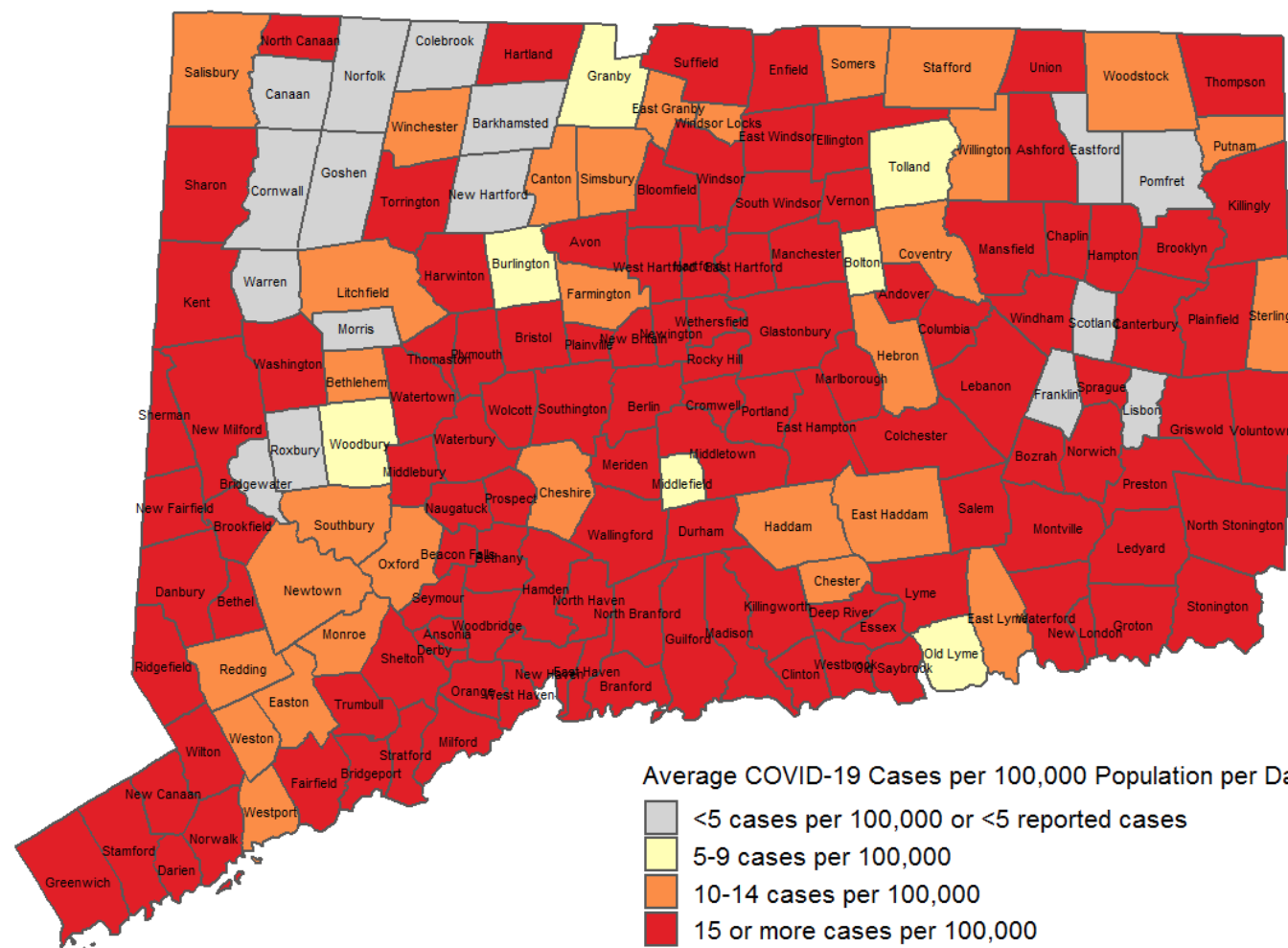
★ Note: Prior to 5/29, CHA defined “COVID admissions” as suspected + confirmed; after 5/29, confirmed only

Alert Categories, by Town

February 7 – February 20,
2021

Town Alert Category	Percentage of CT Population
Red	87%
Orange	11%
Yellow	2%
Grey	1%

Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases among People Living in Community Settings
per 100,000 Population by Town
with Specimen Collection or Onset Date During February 07-20



SARS-CoV-2 Variants

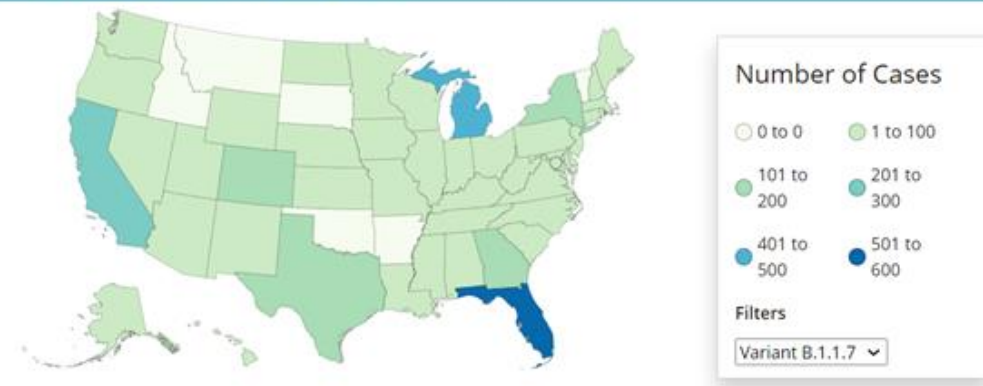
Connecticut

- B.1.1.7 (UK) - 63
- B.1.351 (South Africa) – 1

United States

Variant	Reported Cases in US	Number of Jurisdictions Reporting
B.1.1.7	2506	46
B.1.351	65	17
P.1	10	5

Emerging Variant Cases in the United States*†



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Presenter:

Tom St. Louis, MSPH
Epidemiologist
Connecticut Department of Public Health



Changes and Constants

“Rules” changes are coming:

- ▶ Expanding capacities in establishments
- ▶ Strictly % capacity basis (no caps)
- ▶ Planning for Summer Camps
- ▶ Stadiums and Arenas (low % but open)
- ▶ Amusement Parks
- ▶ Sports expansion
- ▶ Travel Advisory

Masking/Distancing remain **CRITICAL**:

- ▶ Vaccinated people **CAN** get infected and spread to others
- ▶ Many adults **WILL NOT BE VACCINATED** for months
- ▶ **CHILDREN** will likely not have a vaccine for many, many months
- ▶ Masks at all times in public
- ▶ Symptom awareness and voluntary **self-isolation**

Questions & Answers

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THANK YOU!

Next DPH meeting:

March 17, 2021
5:00 pm